PLANT FACT SHEET

Terminalia procera Roxb.

GENUS *Terminalia* **FAMILY** Combretaceae

COMMON NAMES Talis

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Nuts

The fruit are recorded as edible.

DESCRIPTION

A large tree up to 40 m tall. Trees often have many buttresses. The trunk can be 70-80 cm across. The bark is dark grey and cracked. The twigs are thick and have leaf scars which are prominent. The leaves are crowded at the thickened end of the small branches. Leaves are 22-36 cm long and 9-13 cm wide. They have no real leaf stalk. Flowers are small and white on many flowered stalks 22-30 cm long and near the end of branches. Flowers towards the base of the flower spike are female and the ones towards the end are male. The fruit is 3.5-6 cm long and 2.2-3 cm wide. They are oval and slightly flattened.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They occur in primary rainforest up to 500 m altitude. This species occurs in Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines as well as Papua New Guinea. It is mostly known from the Western Province within Papua New Guinea. It suits the wet tropics.

PRODUCTION

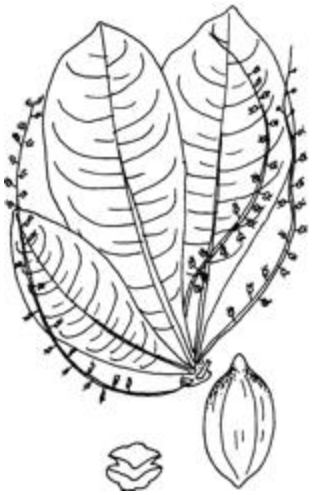
Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 200-250 Terminalia species. They are tropical.

PICTURES



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